**Matrix Reflection Paper for TOK**

What does The Matrix convey about reality?

The film portrays a future where reality as perceived by a large amount of humans is actually a simulated or surrogated reality created by machines to mimic an earthly bliss in which the machines control the human population, while human body heat and electrical activity are used as an energy source. The main character in the movie, Neo, is drawn out of this simulated reality and joins an uprising against the machines, involving other people who have been freed from the "dream world" and into reality.

The movie argues that reality is kind of like a dream and how a human’s frame of mind is normally what makes them believe the “reality” of the Matrix. Morpheus mentions to Neo he is not wrong when he assures him that “reality” – the world experienced by our senses – is but electrical impulses in the brain, and that as such it may indeed be simulated by artificial means. It is almost like an alternate reality where everyone believes that what they are living in is real, where nothing is as it seems. But the big question is what is defined as “real”?